Mini Lop Rabbit Club Of America

By Janice Coffelt

The most exciting thing around these parts (Northwest) is the upcoming Mini Lop National Show, June 14 and 15, in Puyallup, WA. Entry closing date is May 23. NO PHONE ENTRIES!

Show secretary is Madeleine Boucher, 2716 Conners Rd., Snohomish, WA 98290.

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Officers and members in District One and Two will be sent a catalog without a request. Entry fees are \$2.00 Open, Fur, and Youth. We may have to add judges if the entry becomes very large. All animals will be cooped. This show will be held in conjunction with the Washington State Convention and the National Angora Show. It's a chance to show your Minis three times in one weekend. So spruce up those Minis and make your plans now to visit the Great Northwest. Any questions? Feel free to call me at (206) 483-1020.

At our board meeting in June, I have some suggestions that I'm going to make. I'd like to share some of these with you.

- 1. I feel our newsletter needs to be printed at least every two months. As it is now, by the time you receive it the news and reports are out-dated. This is the only means of communication between our officers and members. I know that this would be more expense, but we can afford it.
- 2. We need to make changes in our constitution. We need to make a criteria for holding National Mini Lop Shows. It needs to be spelled out in our constitution.
- 3. We need to make immediate plans to make a new guidebook. We have about enough left of the present one to last another year. We need to make one with more depth and better photography. The one we have now was done by me, rather quickly, because when I took over the secretary position, the only guidebook we had was very out-dated. We need at least a year to put a new one together.
- 4. I'd like to also suggest to the board that we consider a new rabbit for our logo. The old one has done well for us in the early years of our club, but it does not exemplify the type of animal that we now have. If you look closely at our rabbit logo, you'll see an animal that is flat shouldered, undercut in the hip, and if it was posed properly it would be too long in the midsection. What do you think?

I know that we are looking at a clean slate of officers to take over this fall. This has some people worried that our club is going to have problems. I'm not worried. There is no reason for us to even falter in our steps ahead. Although we may not be officers any longer, we still will be members, and I know that I for one will continue to support and help in any way I can, and I feel sure I speak for the other out-going officers.

See you in Puyallup in June.

Californian Club News-

By Ted Kozicki

Our biggest news this month is the resignation of our secretary-treasurer, Ted Kozicki. After serving nine years — almost ¼ of our club's history — Ted is calling it quits. Effective June 1, 1986, Harold Guthrie, 15 Dorcas Rd., Toledo, Ohio, is our new secretary.

The next biggest news is our birthday we are 40 years old this year. We were first organized in 1946 and have been leaders and innovators in the rabbit industry ever since

We were first to hold a National All-Breed Show. We were first to have a Youth Sweep stakes. We had our judges for the ARBA convention chosen by ballot of all members long before the ARBA rule was made.

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American Blue & White Rabbit Club

By Deborah A. Brown

This will hopefully be an exciting year for this club. We have had lack of interest as our major problem in the past, but the enthusiasm, with our current members showing more, and new members joining, sure is looking better.

If you or anyone you know are currently raising American Blues or Whites and are not a member, please drop me a note at Rt. 1, Box 1375, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 or call at 216/343-8407, and let me know you have them.

Our current demand is growing but shipping from Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio is expensive, and this is where the most of our current raisers seem to be from.

I know there are Americans on the West Coast because I have heard of the good animals you folks have.

Our new guide book will hopefully be distributed by the time you receive this.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary/Treasurer

Barbara Carpenter of Salinas, California, has been elected as president of our club. Elected as vice-president is Kevin Lorentz, of Atascadero, California. Sharon Johnson of Fairfield, Iowa, was elected as a director on the same ballot.

A poll of the membership on other questions resulted in our club securing a booth at the National Convention in Columbus, and putting up plaques for each class at that show. Barb and David Carpenter have also donated \$10 specials on each class at the Convention show, so all Hotot breeders had better start getting ready!

Our club and our breed remain small in numbers, but we foresee better things ahead For information, show sanctions, or member ship applications, please write H.R.B.I., 85 Colenbrook Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

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